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From: Eric Nix [mailto:ericnix@mac.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2007 5:07 PM

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

To: Fred Campbell

Subject: iPhone and AT&T

Dear Mr. Campbell,

I am enclosing an email I recently sent to AT&T and Apple regarding the iPhone. Please consider requiring AT&T to provide unlocking of the iPhone for international use. As my email clearly details, I would like to use prepaid SIM cards in countries where AT&T does not have an established network. I do not see how I can be locked to using AT&T international roaming when in countries where AT&T does not maintain a network.

The idea of cellular telephones being locked to a specific provider is outdated. Our European counterparts have surpassed us many years ago regarding making it illegal to lock cellular telephones to a particular cellular network.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Eric Nix

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Dear All,

In the past, I have been able to use an unlocked cell phone while volunteering for extended periods of time overseas. I am a physician who spends time in Africa (Zambia, Zimbabwe, Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Liberia), and as an AT&T customer, it is prohibitively expensive to use their international roaming features there.

I usually use a prepaid SIM card while traveling overseas so I can have a local number for other physicians to contact me, as well as to make outgoing calls fairly inexpensively.

AT&T has generally provided unlock codes for phones when users have been in their contract for a long time. I have been an AT&T customer for many years (during the BellSouth and Cingular era), and I have no intention of canceling my AT&T contract. However, I would like to unlock my iPhone so I can use it overseas using prepaid SIM cards so I don't generate an expensive phone bill. Plus, it allows local physicians and nurses to contact me easily since there is no pager system in place in most of these countries.

AT&T currently does not have an established presence in these countries. Therefore, they should not be allowed to force users to use AT&T international roaming in these countries. They should provide unlock codes for iPhones for users who wish to use prepaid SIM cards while overseas.

Again, as I mentioned earlier, I am a happy AT&T customer and have no intention of using another carrier in the US. I am only wanting to use

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prepaid SIM cards in other countries where AT&T does not operate its own network.

Please assist me in obtaining an unlock code so I can use my phone overseas. The phone was not given to me free of charge. Therefore, AT&T has no right to enforce my use of its international roaming features while overseas.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Eric Nix, MD

CC: Senator Joe Lieberman
FCC Chairman Kevin Martin
AT&T Mobility CEO Stan Sigman
AT&T Mobility Incoming CEO Ralph de la Vega
Apple CEO Steve Jobs